



ASHBY/001 DIV

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant : Matthew Ashby
Application No. : 10/607,077
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Confirmation No. : 1068
Examiner : Teresa E. Strzelecka
Group Art Unit : 1637
For : METHODS FOR THE SURVEY AND GENETIC
ANALYSIS OF POPULATIONS

New York, New York
December 23, 2008

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Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
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**AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE TO JULY 14, 2008 OFFICE ACTION
ACCOMPANYING REQUEST FOR CONTINUED EXAMINATION**

Sir:

This responds to the July 14, 2008 Office Action, which action was made FINAL, in the above-identified application. The Amendment and Response is being filed concurrently with a Request for Continued Examination.

Applicant submits concurrently herewith a Petition for a three (3)-month extension of time under 37 C.F.R. § 1.136(a) for replying to the Office Action and has authorized payment of the required fee under 37 C.F.R. § 1.17(a)(3). With the extension, the time for

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response is extended up to and including January 14, 2009. Therefore, this response is timely filed.

Amendment to the Title begins on page 3 of this paper.

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the Listing of Claims, which begins on page 4 of this paper.

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Amendment to the Title

Please replace the Title of the application with the following:

DNA-BASED METHODS OF GEOCHEMICAL PROSPECTING